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INTERVIEW SUMMARY RECORD

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

October 25, 2001

Sir:

Applicants' representative initiated an Interview with the Examiner in response to the Advisory Action mailed September 14, 2001. Applicants' representative pointed out to the Examiner that a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Under 37 CFR 1.114 was filed on August 30, 2001. In the RCE, Applicants expressly requested entry of the Amendment filed on July 5, 2001 under 37 CFR 1.116 but unentered, in the present application. During the interview, the Examiner agreed that the proposed amendment should have been entered and an Office Action or Notice of Allowance should have issued. The Examiner acknowledged that not entering the proposed amendments was procedurally improper. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully requested to issue a Notice of allowance or non-final Office Action in due course.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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